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SUMMARY: ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) OSCAR FLORES ADDED SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANCE TO HIS STANCE ON ATTAINING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ALL TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN WITH THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF TWENTY-ONE (21) AERO SERVICES TECHNICIANS FOR A 74-WEEK TRAINING COURSE IN HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE AT THE NORTHROP UNIVERSITY IN INGLEWOOD, CA. THIS TRAINING PROJECT IS IN CONSONANCE WITH COMMITMENT ASSUMED BY GOM/AG IN THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LOA) DATED JUNE 2, 1977, WHEREBY THEY AGREED TO PROVIDE THE ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN THE FURTHERANCE OF AGREEMENT OBJECTIVES. EMBASSY NARCOTICS TECHNICAL STAFF PERFORMED THE RESEARCH THROUGH CONTACTS WITH HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND REPUTABLE U.S. TRAINING CENTERS. AG FLORES ARRANGED A 4.2 MILLION PESO LOAN THROUGH HIS PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO, COORDINATED WITH THE GOM NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CONACYT) AND APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING (OMB EQUIVALENT). THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES CONSISTED OF 130 PROSPECTS WITH A FINAL SELECTION OF 21 HIRED PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 2, 1978.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA REPEATEDLY INFORMS EMBASSY NARCOTICS OFFICERS THAT AG FLORES ASSIDUOUSLY ADHERES TO ALL CONDITIONS AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY THE GOM IN THE AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS PERCEIVED FIRST SOLID INDICATION ON SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN CAMPAIGN MATTERS FROM AG AND HIS

SENIOR STAFF DURING JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE IN THE AERO SERVICES IN MAY 1977. AG FLORES INDICATED A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD WAS NOT UNREASONABLE AND WAS NEEDED TO ATTAIN THIS DESIRED LEVEL AND SIGNED THE JUNE 2, 1977, AGREEMENT PREDICATED ON ASSUMPTION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER (EXEC) BAEZA ARRANGED PRELIMINARY MEETINGS WITH CONACYT OFFICIALS THROUGH HIS LIAISON WITH ALL CABINET EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

2. BAEZA REQUESTED EMBASSY TECHNICAL STAFF TO CONDUCT A POLL OF BEST U.S. TRAINING FACILITIES TO OBTAIN TRAINING SYLLABI, LENGTH OF COURSE, AND TOTAL RELATED COSTS TO INCLUDE ROOM AND BOARD. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE WAS CONTACTED BY CONACYT REPRESENTATIVES AND A JOINT MEETING WAS CONVOKED TO UNDERSCORE THE CREDENTIALS OF THE DIFFERENT TRAINING SITES. CONACYT APPROVED THE TRAINING PROJECT AND ALSO PROVIDED A THREE-MONTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE.

3. BAEZA BROUGHT INTO PLAY THE RESOURCES OF HIS FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE TO HANDLE ALL MATTERS RELATED TO PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND MANUAL DEXTERITY TESTING, INCLUDING PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATIONS AND EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY OF THE APPLICANTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE AVERAGE AGE OF THESE

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NEW HIRES IS 22.5 YEARS AND THEY ARE CONTRACTED FOR A PERIOD OF 40 MONTHS AFTER THEIR RETURN TO REPAY THE RELATED TRAINING COURSE COSTS PRORATED INTO 40 MONTHLY PAYMENTS ON A WITHHOLDING BASIS. INSTITUTE DIRECTOR PONCE ROJAS PROVIDED PERIODIC PROGRESS REPORTS BOTH DURING THE WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS BY BAEZA AND THROUGH PERSONAL EXCHANGES WITH EMBASSY NARCOTICS OFFICERS. EMBASSY JUDGES SELECTION PROCESS WAS METICULOUSLY PERFORMED AND REPRESENTS ANOTHER FIRST IN AG OFFICE RANKS WHEREBY NEPOTISM AND COMPADRES WERE NOT THE DECIDING CRITERIA.

4. LIST OF TRAINEES FOLLOWS:

- (1) JESUS A L C O C E R BOLADO
- (2) DANIEL A N C H O N D O ONTIVEROS
- (3) LEOPOLDO B R O W N PEREZ
- (4) OSCAR C A N O SANTIAGO
- (5) JAIME C O R T E S CALDERON
- (6) JOSE OSCAR D U R A N SAPIEN
- (7) ARTURO E S C O T O GARCIA
- (8) FERNANDO G A R C I A MUNOZ

- (9) JULIO J I M E N E Z OCHOA
- (10) SALVADOR L O Z A N O ROBLEDO
- (11) ELIAS L O Z O Y A MARQUEZ
- (12) MARTIN M A R T I N E Z RIVERA
- (13) CARLOS N A J E R A CAMPOS
- (14) JAVIER DEL P I N O ESTRADA
- (15) RENE Q U I R O Z
- (16) JOSE JUAN R E Y E S OLGUIN
- (17) RAMON R E Y E S RIVERA

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- (18) FERNANDO S A A V E D R A GONZALEZ
- (19) JOSE LUIS S A N C H E Z PARRA
- (20) LUIS S A N T A N D E R CASARES
- (21) JESUS S A R A B I A ALCOCEE

5. BAEZA JUDGES THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE FOR THE MAINTENANCE
TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROJECT FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMEN-
TATION REQUIRED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS, AS THERE
WERE CERTAIN BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES WHICH COULD NOT BE
IGNORED. THE PRIORITIZATION IN THE THREE-YEAR NATIONAL
PLAN UNDERSCORES A NEED TO TRAIN A MINIMUM OF 25 FIXED-
WING PILOTS TO HELICOPTER 206-B-QUALIFIED BEFORE SEPT.
1978. BAEZA RAISED THIS REQUIREMENT DURING A MEETING
WITH DR. BOURNE AND MRS. FALCO IN MIAMI. EMBASSY NAR-
COTICS OFFICERS PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC FURTHER AND
APPRISE DEPARTMENT OF BEST RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION.
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